tinued to be linked with the crop loans. It also recommended that a separate scheme for non-loanee farmers maybe framed to be operated on experimental basis, at an appropriate time.

(iii) *Covering of framing even in remote and distant place.*—The Group has not made any recommendation in this regard because the COS is already applicable in any area of an implementing State, notified under the scheme.

2. The Government has considered these suggestions and decided that no other crop should be covered under the COS for the time being. The recommendation of the Group to cover the non-loanee farmers on experimental basis under the CCIS was also considered by the Government but was not found feasible for implementation at present.

Availability of Graphite ore in Tamil Nadu

*277. PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Graphite, ore is abundantly available in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so* the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prime, Minister had recently laid the foundation of a Graphite ore project; and

(d) if so, the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) The Graphite occurrences in Tamil Nadu are mainly in Sivaganga Taluk of Pasumpon Mathuramalingam district with a reserve of 2,20,000 tonnes and in Tirumangalam Taluk of Madurai district with a reserve of 17,500 tonnes.

(c) The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the 'Sivaganga Graphite Project on the 26th October, 1988.'

(d) The project anvisages processing of 200 tonnes of Graphite ore per day for production of 28 tonnes of 96-99 fixed fiarbon

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

278. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleasad to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sent fresh proposals on the long-pending Vijayanagar Steel Plant to the National Development Council for its clearance;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) whether the Project would be completed during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loans and grants to States for construction of bouses for weaker sections

*279. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any amount has been given as block loans and block grants to the States during the last three years for construction of low cost houses in rural areas for the economically weaker sections; and

(b) if so, the amount given to Assam during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF. URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Union Government provides central assistance for State Plans in the form of block loans and block grants, but this is not linked to any particular Scheme (Programme/Project However, the distribution: of central assistance amongst different sectors Including housing m rural areas for weaker sections is finalised by the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of annua] Plan discussions

(b) During the last 3 years *i-e.,* from 1986-87 to 1988-89 the Plan outlay for the scheme of the Allotment of House-sites and Provision of Construction Assistance to Landless Workers in the Rural areas under the Minimum Needs Programme to the State of Assam is as follows:

Rs. 2.50 crores in 1986-87;

Rs 2.50 crores in 1987-88; and

Rs. 2.25 crores in 1988-89.

दिल्ली में अनधिकृत निर्माण

*280. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में बड़ी तेजी से अनधिकृत निर्माण कार्य किये जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन अनधिकृत निर्माणों से सरकारी भूमि भी प्रभावित हुई है ;

(ग) सरकारी भूमि पर किये जा रहे उन अनधिकृत निर्माणों को न रोकने के लिए कौन-कौन से अधिकारी जिम्मेदार हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा अपने कार्य की उपेक्षा करने वाले इन अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) निजी तथा सरकारी, दोनों प्रकार की भूमि पर अनधिकृत निर्माण समय-समय पर सरकार के ध्यान में आते रहे हैं ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रत्येक स्थानीय निकाय द्वारा अपने-अपने क्षेत्राधिकार में अनधिकृत निर्माण का पता लगाने तथा रोकने के लिये अवर्तन कर्मचारी नियुक्त किये गये हैं और इस सम्बन्ध में कृताकृत के पाये गये दोषी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

Audition of Artists in **AIR and Dewdarshan**

2105. SHRI SUN1L BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the audition for artists in All India Radio and .Doordarshan are not taken date-wise;

(b) whether Audition Forms are proposed to be priced to avoid unmanageable rush and later on the same can be recovered alongwith Audition charges by All India Radio and Doordarshan; and

(c) what is the present system for taking Audition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TIWARY): (a) and .(c) The .auditions of artists in All India Radio are done category-wise.

As regards Doordarshan, in the case of music artists, it accepts the grading awarded by All India Radio. For Dance and Drama artists, the audition are held as and when required subject to receipt of applications and availability of Technical facilities in the studios. For this purpose, each Kendra has a local Audition Committee which meets periodically and makes the recommendations. At the Directorate there is a Central Audition Board for Dance which considers the cases of upgradation to higher grade on the basis of recommendations received from various Kendras.

(b) The Audition Forms are supplied free of cost. However, the prescribed audition fee is required to be paid.

Telecast of TV films serials in Tetagu on S Shri Tangiitnri Prakasham Pantulu and Potti Sri Ramulu

2106. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast a T.V. film|serial In Telugu on